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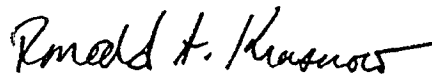
Dear John:

It is our opinion that the claims of the above referenced application should be amended to follow the claims of the allowed United States application. The U.S. claims distinguish over the prior art. It is our desire to have a valid patent.

In reference to your March 13, 1991 letter, I will defer to our Associate's opinion on the citation of prior art. Please note that in the United States, we scrupulously cite prior art to the Examiner."

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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